



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

National Incident Management Organization

Implementation Task Group

Progress Report

October 21, 2005

Introduction:

On April 11, 2005 the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) chartered an Implementation Task Group to develop an implementation plan for the National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) as well as addressing the two “imperative actions” and 9 recommendations from the NIMO study. A final report will be delivered to NWCG at their October 2005 meeting.

The Task Group has been formed and has met five times; May 10th – 12th, June 28th - 30th, July 26th-28th, Aug. 23rd-25th and Sept. 20th – Sept. 23rd. One additional conference call will be scheduled.

The members of the task group are:

Greg Greenhoe, USDA Forest Service, co-chair
Sue Husari, DOI National Park Service, co-chair
Sean Cross, DOI Bureau of Land Management
Cory Winnie, DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs
Rod Bloms, DOI Fish and Wildlife Service
Rich Homann, Colorado State Forest Service, NASF
Fred Bird, DOI Office of Wildland Fire Coordination
Liz Kinney, USDA Forest Service, Incident Business Mgt. Specialist
Stan Benes, USDA Forest Service, Line Officer Representative
Sandy Tripp, DOI Bureau of Land Management, Human Resource Specialist
Mike Lohrey, USDA Forest Service, National IC/AC Representative
Rose Davis, USDA Forest Service, NIFC Public Affairs Specialist
Steve Cornell, USDA Forest Service, Union Representative
Edy Williams-Rhodes, DOI National Park Service, NWCG Representative
Nelson Siefkin, DOI National Park Service, Writer/Editor

Current Progress:

A web-site has been established for the dissemination of information and to allow managers to monitor the progress of the task group. The web-address is:

www.nifc.gov/nimo

The group has also developed a business plan which will guide them through the completion of this project. The business plan, NWCG Charter and other background materials can be found on the NIMO web-page.

A presentation was presented to NWCG and a final draft of the NIMO Feasibility and Implementation plan was distributed on October 20th. NWCG accepted the report with some final edits and corrections. A final report will be express mailed to NWCG members on November 2nd.

The seven draft position descriptions for each of the NIMO team members has been completed and are a part of the final report. These are awaiting final classification by DOI and the Forest Service as soon as the decision is made to proceed with implementing the organization.

A communication plan is also in draft. This will be completed after the decision to proceed is made.

Target Dates and Timeline:

Sept. 20th – 22nd – Task Group Meeting in Boise – complete final draft

October 20th – NWCG Briefing - Gettysburg, MD

Nov. 2nd – Final report mailed to NWCG members

Nov. 8th – National Partnership Council Briefing – Washington, DC

Nov. 9th – NFAEB Discussion and recommendation

Jan. 06 – Wildland Fire Leadership Council Briefing